

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1994 HOLDS 10-YEAR REUNION.** Class members for the Elba High School Class of 1994 gathered over the weekend of Oct. 8 and 9, 2004 for their 10-year class reunion. Those present for the reunion party held Saturday evening, Oct. 9, included (from left): Linda Hodge, Eric Cox, Jason Farris, Perry Stinson, Holly Stinson, Jason Holley, Jennifer Hollinghead Jackson, Ashley Weeks, Kim Bundy Ross, Bryan Foley, Leslie Crel Grantham, Kimiko Daniels, Cory Driggers, D.J. Belcher, Dana Stinson Padgett, Alice Hammonds Kelley, Heath Wyrosdick, Rosalyn McBride, Jennifer Adams Stinson, Danielle Tew, DeAnn Miller Cronk, Amanda Calhoun, LaShawn Russell, Deloris Martin Smith, Keith Grantham, Lori Smith and Scott Cochran.

## Holiday shoppers urged to protect themselves from identity theft

Attorney General Troy King was joined recently by several officials to give tips for holiday shoppers about how to protect themselves from identity theft. King has committed his Family Protection Unit to the fight against identity theft.

The Federal Trade Commission reports that in 2003 it received complaints from 1,823 Alabama citizens regarding identity theft. Of these Alabama cases, 32 percent reported credit card fraud, involving the opening of new credit card accounts and the misuse of existing accounts. The next most common specific type of identity theft was phone and utilities fraud, including the opening of new wireless, telephone, and utilities accounts and the misuse of existing accounts.

Holiday shoppers should take the following precautions to protect themselves from identity theft:

- When you go shopping, take only the credit cards you plan to use and leave the others at home.

- When using your credit cards or checks, take them out only at the cash register. Be aware of people around you who may be looking over your shoulder to try and

read the numbers on your card.

- Be absolutely certain that you do not leave behind a receipt for someone else to pick up.

- Never carry your Social Security card with you.

- If you are shopping online, be certain that you shop with companies you know and trust and shop only on secure websites.

- Use a credit card or charge card when shopping online so that you will have the protection of the Fair Credit Billing Act. This federal law provides protections for billing errors such as unauthorized charges, charges for items never received, and payments or credits that are not posted. To receive this protection, the consumer must contact the credit card company in writing at its Billing Inquiry address and this must be received (not postmarked) within 60 days of the date of the first bill with the error.

- Never give out personal information over the cell phone, particularly when you are in a public place.

- If you receive offers of credit through the mail, make sure that you shred them before discarding them.

- When you receive your credit

card statements, examine them carefully to make sure that there are no unauthorized charges.

- If you become a victim of identity theft, there are three things you should do immediately: (1)

- Contact local law enforcement to file a police report.
- Contact the three major credit bureaus and ask them to place a fraud alert on your credit report.
- Contact the banks and creditors involved and let them know that you are disputing the fraudulent charges or accounts. Keep records of all telephone calls and make sure that you follow up with the credit bureaus, banks, and creditors in writing.

For more information on what to do if you become a victim of identity theft, you may contact the Attorney General's consumer protection hotline toll-free by calling 1-800-392-5658 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-IDTHEFT. The Office of Consumer Affairs is a part of Attorney General King's Family Protection Unit, which also has a toll-free number to assist Alabamians—1-800-230-9485—with more information available at the unit's web page at [www.familyprotection.alabama.gov](http://www.familyprotection.alabama.gov).

## From unemployment to honor society: Former textile workers find success at Wallace Community College

by Debi Breedlove

August 9, 2003 was a memorable day in the lives of four Coffee County women. That day the doors closed for the final time at Kleiner's textile manufacturing company in Elba. Like many women from the Wiregrass textile industry, the women suddenly found themselves jobless. Instead of clocking in at the plant each day, however, the ladies now clock in at class at Wallace Community College's medical assisting program.

Kristie Crowell, Novelle Dewberry, Tammy McWaters and Paula Walden have already completed one year of the two-year program and look forward to graduating this spring.

Carpooling for the 140-mile round trip each day, the four spend the time reviewing class



**Four former textile workers** turned unemployment into academic success in Wallace Community College's medical assisting program. Paula Walden, Tammy McWaters, Kristie Crowell, and Novelle Dewberry use an anatomical model to study for a test. The four women carpool and have developed a study and emotional support system.

school," she laughed.

Walden, an Elba native with 19 years' service in various positions at Kleiner's, is a single mother of three children. "I have tremendous family support, or I could not do this with a 20-month-old child," she said, adding that her children's grades have improved since her return to the classroom.

"It has been very good for my sons to see the discipline and sacrifice required to make study time," she said.

Crowell feels she is also setting a good example for her sons, aged 13 and nine. She said, "They see how hard I have to work in college. Maybe it will make them realize they shouldn't wait so long to go."

McWaters also had about seven years' experience at the textile operation. The mother of 13, 12- and 10-year-old children, she says her family is very proud of her success in college. "My children are already talking about their futures and what they plan to do," she said. "I encourage them to make good grades and go to college."

With children at home and the need for regular hours, the three younger ladies said the medical

assisting program seemed ideal for their schedules. The opportunity to work with people was an added bonus. Dewberry, who anticipates having to care for her elderly mother, was looking for a career she could perform from home. Medical transcription offers that option.

The tight-knit group are so close, they are recognized as a group. In fact, medical assisting instructor Bill Arwood delayed class one morning because all four were absent. "I knew something had delayed them, because they are always together," he said.

Recently all four received an important honor — together of course. The foursome were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, an honor reserved for students with a 3.5 grade point average or better.

Medical assisting program director Jane Ann Shannon says the women are like many former textile workers who have completed her program. "They tend to have such strong work habits. These type students are extremely successful in their jobs because they prepare so well in the classroom."

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Matthew, age 14 and Mary, age 7

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

Citrus fruit is not a common product of Coffee County. However some of our friends have shown they can overcome the odds and extend their expertise to tasty oranges, tangerines and even lemons. Winfred Baker came in last month with tasty samples of his citrus crop. He was followed in about a week later by Commissioner Robert Stephens with his tasty citrus, including a couple of lemons. They were busy gathering the fruit before the South Alabama winter frostbite damaged it. Each of these men has a lifetime of experience successfully coaxing the good Alabama earth to produce. Now in their semi-retirement years each takes a little time to prove that the impossible can be done by those with talent and experience.

The six week Christmas short story ending up in this week's Elba Clipper has had some unexpected and humbling results for the newspaper and especially for the author, our editor Linda Hodge. More than one person has admitted the extended story has had a positive impact to the point they are again decorating for Christmas after years of doing nothing special. Their reasons for forgoing Christmas decorations vary, but the story line has produced each into thinking of the real meaning of the season.

A delicious cake was being munched on last week by a certain food loving newspaper publisher. The thought was to brag on the lady of the house from which it came, considering her considerable abilities in the kitchen are well known. About that time we noticed a label on the cover. It was a store bought cake, cooked by Coffee County Baking Co. of Inc! Usually a mass produced food taste a little "less good" than the one at the time from an experienced home cook but this one would make any demanding cook proud. In fact we called it a fruit cake, even though it didn't have the orange peelings, etc. and was fluffy, soft and moist. Just plain GOOD!

The Christmas season is upon us. Well, Christmas itself is here, as of Saturday. We have all seen the world for people of differing religions, but hope they will also show respect of our Christian beliefs and desire to honor the birth of the Baby Jesus on December 25th. While the exact day (and year) of the Holy birth in that stable is lost in history, Christians long ago accepted the word of an early bible scholar and celebrate the birth on December 25. 2004 years ago. If history itself wasn't enough to confuse the exact date, several changes in the length of our calendars, both in total months and days in the month, adding and changing leap year, etc., and even George Washington's exact birth date can become suspect.

Elba native Bob Inman continues to make his mark in the literary world. It has just been announced that the Alabama Library Association has selected his book, "Captain Saturday" as the winner of its Outstanding Fiction Award for 2004! Inman will be presented the award in Birmingham on April 21st.

Another Elba product is also "getting published" again. Mike Stanton-Rich's new book, "At Home on Carpenter's Knob" has just been published. An official announcement on this should be forthcoming in the near future. However if you are in a hurry, get on the internet and go to <http://www.stanton-rich.net/press.html>. Actually by now you might find it on Amazon.com, along with his first book "It's My Job".

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, investigated the following incidents: one lost cell phone, two for criminal mischief, one bat bite, two for possession of a controlled substance, one drug activity, one found property, one possession of marijuana, one dog bite, two for theft of property, one public intoxication, one burglary and one breaking and entering of a motor vehicle. The following arrests were made: one for assault and one for public intoxication. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, one for not using a child restraint system, two for driving with a suspended driver's license, three for not wearing a seat belt, two for running a stop sign, one for a switched tag and one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, DEC. 13 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 433 Hwy. 141 (12:18 p.m.). Two vehicle wreck reported in front of the residence at 1218 Caroline St. (1:29 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Caroline St. (1:35 p.m.). TUESDAY, DEC. 14 - Wreck reported on Claxton Ave. (12:11 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 18679 Hwy. 125 (12:17 p.m.). Disturbance reported at 823 Roosevelt Dr. (4:23 p.m.). Domestic disturbance reported at 248 County Rd. 367 (9:12 p.m.). WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15 - Routine activity. THURSDAY, DEC. 16 - Routine activity. FRIDAY, DEC. 17 - Wreck reported on Hwy. 87 S. 944 p.m.). Prowler reported at 875 Cedar Lane Dr. (10:00 p.m.). SATURDAY, DEC. 18 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1212 Jones Circle (2:01 p.m.). Shoplifter reported at the Family Dollar Store (5:25 p.m.). Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (6:23 p.m.). Disturbance reported in area near Jackson St. (8:49 p.m.). Fight in progress reported at Mr. Henry's on Claxton Ave. (11:24 p.m.). SUNDAY, DEC. 19 - Burglary (vehicle) reported at 430 Plant Ave. (6:41 p.m.). Disturbance (noise) reported near Old Samson Rd. and Dr. Roberts Dr. (9:29 p.m.).

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During Elba City Council meeting  
City clerk says Troy Highway work at  
levee now expected to begin in January

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

On Monday, Dec. 13, the Elba City Council held both of the required monthly meetings. All eyes and thoughts were on the Christmas season and city officials were no exception.

During the first meeting the council approved a resolution to allow Southern Country Realty to continue to collect rents at the Little Beaver Trailer Park, located just North of the airport runway. The City of Elba recently purchased the park to allow expansion of the airport.

Mayor James Grimes explained that this company had been collecting the rent, and city officials decided it was better to continue this arrangement for the three to six months before the mobile homes will be moved to make way for the airport expansion work.

Council members were also told that the police department recently received good reports from a Workman's Comp. audit. The department also passed an audit from the Alabama Criminal Justice Center "with flying colors," according to the report.

Monthly bills totaling \$76,537.87 were approved for

payment. This included transfers to the local schools, the garbage pick-up charges and landfill fees. Also included are the charges due to the utility department for electricity and water used and the cost of maintaining the sewer pumps.

Meeting #2 opened immediately after the closing of the first meeting.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham told council members he was unsure of exactly when the Troy Highway would be closed for more work at the levee, but now expected it to be around January 3rd.

The council scheduled a workshop for December 20th to bring council members up to date on happenings and plans. Mayor Grimes reported that the water line to Toledo Molding was now registering the needed pressure needed for insurance purposes. This is after the subcontractor returned and installed the 12" line called for in the original contract.

Grimes reported that the City's workman's comp. contract for the new year is \$69,955, down from \$76,947 the previous year. He expressed thanks to the employees who worked hard to maintain a safe work environment.

ment. City Clerk Wayne Grantham was also commended for his work as the designated safety officer.

## NEWS BRIEF

Officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department arrested one of the county jail's correctional officers this past week-end.

Douglas Evans, a correctional officer at the Coffee County Jail, was arrested and charged with the promotion of prison contraband in the second degree. His arrest took place Saturday evening, Dec. 18, after he was found to have various contraband in his possession.

According to reports, officials received a tip that Evans was supplying prisoners with contraband.

Following his arrest, Evans was placed in the Dale County Jail. His bail was set at \$50,000 by District Judge John Dowling. His bond was posted later that evening.

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## Area Happenings:

**THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES** will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 27, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Also, the offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electricity, water, sewer or street. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

**THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON OFFICES** will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, in observance of the Christmas holiday and Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Dec. 27, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Carols for Christmas  
CHAPTER SIX  
by Linda M. Hodge

Christmas Eve had finally arrived! Alii could not believe the response the decorations at the James home had received in the few days they had been up and running. It was the talk of the neighborhood. What had gotten into Mary James many people were wondering while others simply gazed in amazement. The sneers and jeers were gone.

The decorations seemed to add a definite glow to Ms. Mary's eyes, and Alii could not have been happier. For the first time in many years, Ms. Mary was going to have a reason to enjoy Christmas.

There was, however, one more thing Alii needed to do. She had discussed it with her mom and dad the night before, and they had been making phone calls all day long putting Alii's plan in motion. This was going to be a gift Ms. Mary and the entire neighborhood would share together.

"It's almost time," Alii yelled as she came running down the stairs. "Is everything ready?" "Calm down Alii," her dad said with a slight chuckle. "We're ready."

"Let's go then!" Ms. Mary was sitting in her favorite chair watching the lights sparkle on her beautiful Christmas tree when she heard a knock at the door. She wasn't expecting anyone. Who could it be, she wondered?

At the same time, Alii eagerly stood outside waiting for Ms. Mary to answer the door. She had come to deliver a very special Christmas gift.

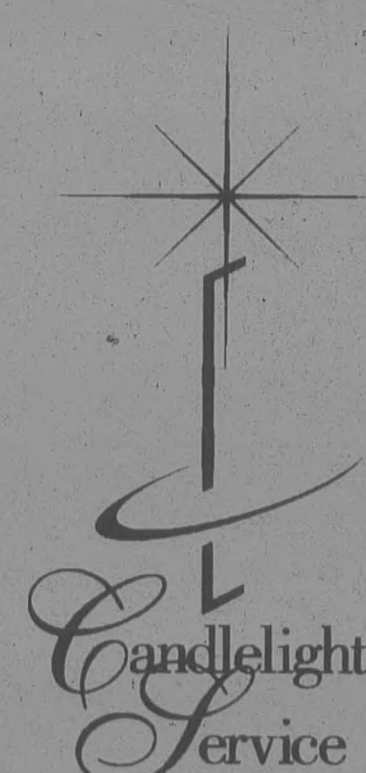
"We're here to ask you to join us in singing Christmas Carols," Alii said as Ms. Mary stepped onto the front porch.

Ms. Mary could not believe her eyes. As she looked across her front yard, it was filled with nearly every person in the neighborhood.

"I'm speechless," Ms. Mary said as tears began rolling down her face.

Alii grabbed her by the arm and led her to the

Merry Christmas!

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December 24, 2004  
5:30-6:00 p.m.  
National Security Conference Center

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## Obituaries

**WANDA MILDRED SASSER**  
Mrs. Wanda Mildred Sasser, age 76, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004 at Elba Nursing Home in Elba. Funeral services were held Dec. 17, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Louie Reynolds officiating. Burial followed in the New Haven Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include special friends, Linda R. Harris and Rachel Barbare, both of Elba, and her church family and many friends.

Church with Garry Winstead and John Freeman officiating. Burial followed at Ino Cemetery with Wyatt Funeral Services directing.

Survivors include her husband, Casey Wood, Ino, two daughters: Jeanette (T.J.) Barlette and Margaret (Garry) Waters, both of Ino, one sister, Lorene McDaniel, one brother, Grady Hardest, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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• ROTARY CLUB. Tuesday in Noon First First Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall.  
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL. 2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m. City Hall.  
• WATER & ELECTRIC. 2nd Monday. Following council meeting City Hall.

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.  
• GRIFF SUPPORT GROUP. Every Monday, 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church over the Elba High School.  
• DAVIS ST. MARY GARDEN CLASSICS.  
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION. 2nd & 4th Monday. Community Room in Farm Center Complex at New Brockton.

• THE JAMES COLIE BOUTWELL FAMILY. 12:23-1p

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD. 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. Supp. Office.  
• AMERICAN ELEGION. Tuesday of every month 100 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
• MASONIC LODGE 476. 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.  
• BAND BOONERS. 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band room at Elba High School.  
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER. Monday 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 430 New Brockton or Farm Center Complex 897-8558.  
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. 1st Sat. 7 p.m. Club House.

• COFFEE WOMEN. 1st Wed. Noon. Coffee Inn, Enterprise.  
• AARP. meets every 1st Tuesday night of the month.  
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB. 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. Elba High School locker room.  
• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB. Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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## A Christmas Story for All People...

About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises:

Glory to God in the heavenly heights,  
Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.



# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

*Smades to be in concert this Sunday at First Assembly of God Elba*

Pastor Bill Redd and First Assembly of God are pleased to announce that Neil and Ashley Smades of Humble, Texas will be singing during the morning worship service this Sunday.

Neil has sung for years and cut a record with the singing group, The Jericho's, while living in Kansas.

Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m.

## Country Cathedral to have Gospel Singing

December 31, 2004 singing out the old and in with the New Year at Country Cathedral, located on US 84, 6 miles east of Opp. Featuring gospel in song artist: Carl Tilley, Destination Heaven, Derek Snellgrove, The Cains, Derek Snellgrove, The Dyess Family. The concert will start at 8 p.m. ending at 12 midnight. No admission charge, a love offering will be received. For more information please call (334) 493-7413.

## Gospel Bluegrass Festival rescheduled for December 31

The 4th annual Gospel Bluegrass Festival has been rescheduled for Dec. 31, at 5 p.m. in a new location, Kiwanis Building, Hwy 55 South Bypass, in Andalusia.

Featured groups will be The Sullivan Family, Jimmy Williams and The Gospel Grass, Martin Hicks and The Bluegrass Boys, The Smiths and The Torman Family.

There is no admission, but a love offering will be taken, and concessions will be provided. For more information call 334-469-5677.



For unto you is born this day,  
a Savior which is Christ  
the Lord.

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Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

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Nathan Carroll, Pastor  
Sundays School: 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service: 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

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Sundays School: 10:00 a.m.  
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Sundays School: 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

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Sundays School: 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service: 12:00 a.m.  
1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

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Sundays School: 9:45 a.m.  
Evening Service: 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sundays School: 9:45 a.m.  
Evening Service: 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor  
Elba United Methodist Church

A very searching question for us as we draw nearer to Christmas is: "How far is it to Bethlehem?" This is not only a very searching question, but also a very important one that we all need to answer.

In reality, Bethlehem is not that far by yet. It is really only a matter of hours away. Its physical map Bethlehem is only about 5 or 6 miles south of Jerusalem. Bethlehem and the Christ Child in your heart?

As we examine the Christmas story we see that Bethlehem was a long way for the innkeeper and King Herod. It was very near for the shepherds and the wise men. The innkeeper was too busy and selfish to locate Bethlehem in his heart. Herod was too afraid and jealous to find Bethlehem in his heart. But the shepherds found the Savior physically and spiritually as they left their flocks and journeyed the five or so miles into Bethlehem. The wise men, too, found Bethlehem that first Christmas night. They journeyed a long way from the Far East over dangerous terrain and were guided only by a star. They located the Christ Child in their hearts and gave him their gifts. How far is Bethlehem for you? We are not talking in terms of geography, but we are talking in spiritual terms. Have you located Bethlehem in your heart? Let us welcome the Christ Child in our lives, homes, churches, nation, and world this Christmas as we indeed take the time to travel to Bethlehem to locate Bethlehem in our hearts.

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**MORE THAN 2,000 FARMERS** from throughout the state attended the 83rd annual meeting of the Alabama Farmers Federation in Mobile Dec. 5-6. Farmers from Coffee County who attended the meeting were, from front row from left, Phillip Martin, Dennis Smith, Rex Boutwell, Max Bozeman, James Snell, Dan Presley, Greg Schrand and Carl Sanders; second row, Betty Boutwell, Elizabeth Whitaker, Gail Snell, Pat Presley and Pat Schrand.

## CNA Course leads to employment for students

Over the past year, LBW Community College - MacArthur Campus has offered a total of seven Nursing Assistant Courses in Geneva at Wiregrass Medical Center. The partnership between LBW Community College and Wiregrass Medical Center has been very successful. Sixty-six people have enrolled in the program, and a total of 60 people have successfully completed the course. Upon completion, 99% of the students went on to pass the state-written and skills examinations - to become Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA).

All of the students who successfully completed the course found employment immediately.

The Nursing Assistant Course is a three-week course, 98-hour program. Classes meet Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Classes and Clinicals are held on-site at Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva.

The course is offered to individuals 18 years of age or older. The total cost to attend the program is estimated at \$750.00. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

LBW's next Nursing Assistant Course is scheduled to begin during February 2005 at Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva.

Applications are now being accepted for the Nursing Assistant Course. Class size is limited.

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# LIFESTYLES

## Elmore-Rhoades wedding held at Ino Baptist Church



Mr. & Mrs. David Adam Elmore

## Chase Cooper wins music award

Chase Cooper, son of Tommy and Stacey Cooper of Pellham, won the Senior Piano Division of the State Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), at the state level.

The event took place on Nov. 30, at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Chase will further compete in the Southern Division Competition at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky, on Jan. 30, 2005.

Chase is the grandson of Pete and Dixie Dorsey, and Nona Cooper and the late Ed Cooper, all of Elba.

## Pouncey-Watson wedding planned for December 30th

Timmy Eugene Watson and Shirley Ann Pouncey will be married Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004 at six o'clock in the evening, at the home of the bride's brother & sister-in-law, Erwin and Marie Pouncey at 430 Plant Ave., Elba.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Lou Pouncey Kelley, of Honorville, Ala. She is the granddaughter of the late Mrs. Kate McKenzie Floyd of Elba and the late Amos Pouncey of Honorville, Ala. and the late

Jack and Jeanne Ruth Davis Pouncey of Honorville, Ala.

The groom is the son of Robert and Mary Watson of Haines City, Fla. He is the grandson of the late Mr. Alvin Rushing and the late Mrs. Irling Marshall Rushing Williams of Lake Wells, Fla., and of Emmett & Gwen Watson of Elba and the late Mrs. Rosie Lee Canley Watson.

There will be no invitations sent but all family and friends are invited to attend.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Pastor: Rev. Roy L. Turner  
Sundays School: 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service: 6:00 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - CENTER**  
Pastor: W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sundays School: 9:45 a.m.  
Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service: 6:00 p.m.

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor: Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor  
Sundays School: 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

**PRIDE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
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Suzanne Miriah Rhoades of Elmore and Justin Elmore were united in marriage at six o'clock p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2004. The Reverend Garry Winstead performed the double ring ceremony at the Ino Baptist Church in Kinross, Alabama.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rhoades of Kinross. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Bowden Sessions and the late Mr. Bowden Sessions of Sanson and Mrs. Ernestine Rhoades and the late Carlton E. Rhoades of Kinross. Parents of the groom are Mrs. Lynn Bryant of Kinross and Mr. Greg Elmore of Opp. The groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Adam Elmore.

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Johnson, brother-in-law of the bride, and Ryan Kidd, friend of the groom of Opp. Britt Grimes, cousin of bride, of Elba, and Jason Davis, cousin of the bride, of Dothan. Clay Elmore, brother of the groom, served as a Jr. Groomsman. Dalton Davis, cousin of the groom, was the ring bearer. The groom and groomsmen wore traditional black tuxedos with black vest and tie, and a white rose boutonniere.

Wedding director was Mrs. Nyoka Bowdoin and was assisted by Mrs. Teresa Jacobs, both friends of the family. Bradley's Florist of Elba provided floral arrangements for the church.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained guests with a reception at the home of the bride. The guest entered the flower garden through an arbor and was greeted by the mother of the bride. The reception setting was an "old southern traditional summer day" with a beautiful sunset in the background. The guest tables were decorated with fresh flowers of lilies and ferns. The entrance guest table was covered in a crocheted tablecloth made by the mother of the bride. In the background of the arrangement was anchored glow of white candles. Each side was adorned with two lovely spiral candelabras with matching flowers and columns housing Boston ferns. The family pews were garnished with bows of white ribbon and flowers. A memory candle was set on the right in honor of Mr. Bowden Sessions and Mr. Carlton Rhoades, grandfathers of the bride.

Wedding music was performed by Mrs. Sheila Fuller, pianist, Mrs. Janie Wiggins and Mr. Neal Presley, soloist. Mrs. Fuller performed a prelude of classical and religious pieces. A special song, "You Raise Me Up" was presented from the bride to the groom. Mrs. Wiggins entertained guests with an arrangement of "Parent's Prayer" and "Only God Could Love You More." Mr. Neal Presley presented a special version of "I Do."

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father and given in marriage by her parents. The bride wore a princess line gown of white Italian satin. The round neckline had a simplicity enhancement. The top of the dress was adorned with Swarovski crystals and lace. The back of the gown featured a deep V cut and was accented with satin covered buttons. The skirt was an elegant overlay of tulle with detailed crystals and lace, and cascaded into the chapel length train. The bride also wore a delicate headpiece of pearls and crystals. Attached to the headpiece was a two-tiered veil of tulle. She carried a nosegay of white roses and lilies.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Sue Canley, Mrs. Janice Dreading, Mrs. Polly Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Canley, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Jacobs, Mrs. Shan Sessions, Mrs. Janie Wiggins and Mr. Neal Presley. The guest enjoyed this special occasion with entertainment by the band "Just On Time."

The bride and groom were honored at several showers and parties during their engagement.

A Miscellaneous Shower was held at Ino Baptist Church on Saturday, June 26, at 2:00 p.m. The entrance doors were enhanced with beautiful white satin bows. Delicious refreshments were served to the guest. The hostesses were: Mrs. Beverly Bradley, Mrs. Sam Bradley, Mrs. Nyoka Bowdoin, Mrs. Christie Canley, Mrs. Diane Canley, Mrs. Evelyn Canley, Mrs. Lydia Canley, Mrs. Mary Sue Canley, Mrs. Marty Cates, Mrs. Karen Davis, Mrs. Janice Dreading, Mrs. Chris Fuller, Mrs. Pat Henderson, Mrs. June Kelley, Mrs. Rebecca Markers, Mrs. Mandy Messer, Mrs. Judy Moody, Mrs. Annette Presley, Mrs. Wynette Rhodes, and Mrs. Terry Winstead.

The bride was honored with a Bridal Shower at the home of Mrs. Janie Wiggins in Kinross on June 7th at 6:30 p.m. Each guest brought a basket filled with goodies for the bride and groom. The gifts ranged from beach baskets to floral arrangements. The hostesses selected the picnic theme with red and white tablecloths and hurricane lanterns. The guest enjoyed delicious homemade pound cake, brownies, spinach dip and crackers, and bottled Cokes. Hostesses were: Mrs. Teresa Jacobs, Mrs. Jenny Sanders, Mrs. Shan Sessions, Mrs. Patty Spann, Mrs. Lynn Weeks, Mrs. Sherry Weeks, Mrs. Sue Ellen Weeks, and Mrs. Janie Wiggins.

On June 27th, a Kitchen and Linen Shower was given at the home of Mrs. Jenelle Smith in Kinross. The table was beautifully decorated with a lace cloth, pink lily flowers and bows. Delicious refreshments were served: cake, cheese balls, crackers, chocolate strawberries, chicken salad sandwiches, nuts, and punch. The hostesses were: Mrs. Charla Addison, Mrs. Nyoka Bowdoin, Mrs. Glenda Clark, Mrs. Liana Clark, Mrs. Merle Clark, Mrs. Teju Davis, Mrs. Glenda Glass, Mrs. Teresa Hall, Mrs. Mildred Helms, Mrs. Yvette Holley, Mrs. Debbie Jones, Mrs. Angela Parker, Mrs. Debbie Rhoades, Mrs. Jimmie Rhoades, Mrs. Peggy Rhoades, Mrs. Myrtle Pierce, Mrs. Janelle Smith, Mrs. Nell Smith, Mrs. Pam Sumblin, Mrs. Susan Sumblin, Mrs. Ruth Wise, and Mr. Pat Wood.

On Thursday, July 8th, Mrs. Rhoades was given a lingerie shower at the home of Mrs. Kristee Kidd in Opp. Several friends joined Suzanne for the fun filled event. As she opened the gifts, several games were played. Delicious refreshments were served. Hostesses were: Tiffany Johnson, Amy Jones, Katie Holloway, and Kristee Kidd.

Miss Katie Holloway and Mr. Brock Johnson honored the groom with a Pool-Party at the home of Katie Holloway, June 19th at 6:30 p.m. The guest enjoyed a hamburger cookout, a variety of the trim



# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Casey Medlock &  
Kayla Kelley

### Did You Know?...

by Stephanie Corder

In 1984, after all the receipts were added up, the cost of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" would have cost you \$12,623. Today the numbers tell a different story.

To buy twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies

dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree would cost \$17,297.

Of course, if you bought the "Redneck Twelve Days of Christmas," it would be a lot cheaper.

### Co-Op Spotlight

by Duke Carr



This week's Co-op Spotlight belongs to **Will Barnes**.

He is the son of William and Sonya Barnes and is currently employed at National Security where he works in the Supply Department. He has been employed at National Security for just over one year.

When not working, Will actively participates in VICA at **Elba High School**.

After graduation Will plans to attend Wallace College in Dothan.

His friends describe him as being crazy and outgoing. However, we classify him as this week's Co-op Spotlight.



## Elba bands deliver annual Christmas concert

by Gale Olson

The month of December has arrived and the Christmas spirit is spreading.

Holiday parties, church plays, great tasting food, and the ever-awaited annual Christmas concert performed by the Elba High School and Elementary School bands is here. On Tuesday, December 14, 2004 the annual Christmas concert was held at the EHS auditorium.

The concert opened with song selections performed by the fifth and sixth grade bands.

After the elementary bands had performed, the high school concert band graced the ears of the audience as they performed

## EHS students/faculty share Christmas lists

by Judson Vaughan

As we all know, Christmas is right around the corner and even though it's a time for giving, we all have our wants.

It has been said that Christmas is all about the children, but these students and teachers beg to differ.

I hope Santa's got his pen out, because with these lists he better get a quick start.

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by Whitney Lawford

This week's Student Spotlight is Miss **Ashleigh Waddall**. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Melanie and Karl Bledsoe and Steve Waddall.

Ashleigh is involved in a variety of clubs and activities including: Varsity basketball, volleyball, Elba United Methodist Church youth group, ECS, CCYLP, Key Club, SGA, Mu Alpha Theta, St. Beta, and the MADD youth organization.

Her hobbies include spending time with friends and family, playing sports and lots of shopping.

After high school, Ashleigh plans to attend Auburn University and major in scientific research. Also, while attending Auburn, she plans on playing on the Auburn volleyball team.

When asked how would she describe herself, she said, "I am a very hard-working, determined person, aiming to be the

best in everything I do. That is something I try to achieve every day of my life."

Once again, congratulations, Ashleigh, for being this week's Student Spotlight!

Some of the students here at EHS were asked about their New Year's resolutions, and here are some of their responses:

**Selena Waldon**: "To never make another one."

**Jessica Merklin**: "Become a millionaire, get liposuction, and meet the man of my dreams, or dress up as a cream filled donut and roll by the police station."

**Stephen Driggers**: "To have a better attitude."

**Cory Miller**: "Open my own roadside BBQ stand."

**Clint Bradshaw**: "Get a job at Mr. Ho's."

**Brittany Davis**: "Win a fight with my brother."

**Mandy Blackman**: "To grow taller."

**Chris Smith**: "Get a haircut."

**Caleb Bannin**: "Grow facial hair."

**Jeremy Grissett**: "Get a license to drive a camel."

**Adam Henderson**: "Get some bigger ketchup."

**Kasi McDonald**: "Gain 401 pounds, and be a runway model."

**Coach Grimes**: "Pay off some bills and save some money."

**Coach Weeks**: "Kill a big buck and become a better person."

**Whitney Bailey**: "Find Mr. Right."

**Mrs. Bailey**: "Not get a speeding ticket."

**Traci Spinks**: "Buy more turtle necks."

**Will Barnes**: "Become fluent in Spanish, Russian, German, and French."

**Bradley Burdeshaw**: "Learn how to tickle."

**Ashley Bailey**: "To convince my Dad to call my boyfriend Clint and not Flint."

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## SPORTS

## Views from the ... PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Christmas season is here and for the Mularz family that means being with family and friends and sharing fellowship and gifts with those we love. May the joy of the season also be with you!

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers upped their record to 7-4 last week with a home win over Goshen and once again the Tigers looked like world beaters at times and then at other times couldn't find their way to the basket with a road map. The Tigers don't have much height and must run and play defense to have a chance to win no matter the opponent, but in early-season action they have gone for minutes at a time without scoring points and most of the time the long scoring droughts have proven to be fatal. When the Tigers can get more consistent on offense they will become consistent winners and may be a team to watch in 2A circles.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers made their annual trip up to Zion Chapel to pick up the championship trophy in the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament and for the fifth straight year did just that. The Lady Tigers are always heavy favorites at the tournament and really have little to prove, but still manage to play well enough to win the tournament and it never hurts to win games. The Lady Tigers have won six games in early-season action and may be a favorite to make a run at the region tournament, but still have a lot of improvements ahead of them to win it.

\*\*\* The county basketball scene is still wide open and fun to watch as Zion Chapel, Kinston and New Brockton all stay near the 500 mark and give their fans plenty to cheer about every time they take to the court. None of the teams are ranked in the state polls and they all do get beat almost as often as they win. However, this is the best year in quite a while for the county teams and the coming month should bring even more fun.

\*\*\* I used to watch a lot of bowl games each year, but after looking at the long list of games on tap this season I have made up my mind to just watch a few outside the Sugar Bowl and Music City Bowls. I may stay up and watch a quarter or two of the Troy game against Northern Illinois and do plan on watching the Orange Bowl, but other than that I will probably just take a nap or watch reruns.

\*\*\* In closing... the youth basketball leagues will tip off the first week in January with all games to be played at the Elba Recreation Center. This season there are leagues for boys and girls ages 4-12, and the action is guaranteed to be non-stop. When the leagues begin why not make plans to come out and watch a few games. Admission is free and the games are fun to watch!

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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### Improve record to 7-4

## Elba Tigers ease past Eagles 62-52

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back last Tuesday night in an impressive 62-52 win over the Goshen Eagles, at Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 7-4, while Goshen slipped to 3-5 with the loss.

The Tigers pulled ahead 5-2 early in the opening stanza on a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley and took their biggest lead of the quarter at 18-6 with 2:55 remaining on the clock when Kelley drilled his third three-pointer of the period. Goshen rallied late to cut the Elba lead to 20-14 heading into the second quarter and pulled within 23-22 midway through the quarter as Elba managed only three points over the initial five minutes of the stanza. Baskets by Stefan Burks and Reymar Rogers helped the Tigers regain command late in the stanza, and at intermission the Tigers went in with a 29-22 advantage.

LaRay Williams and Reymar Rogers took command inside early in the third quarter and sparked an Elba rally that saw the Tigers grab a 39-24 lead with 4:01 left in the quarter. However, the Eagles refused to quit and once again staged a rally of their own as Goshen cut the lead to 42-34 with 1:47 remaining in the stanza. A late basket by Mason Gulley enabled the Tigers to carry a 44-34 lead into the final stanza and the Tigers led 49-39 with 5:48 left on the clock after a free-throw by Reymar Rogers, only to see Goshen get hot from behind the three-point arc midway through the quarter as the Eagles rallied and cut the lead to 53-49 with 2:14 left in the game.

A steal and lay-up by Brandon Kelley was the only basket the Tigers would get over the final three minutes of the game, but the Tigers did connect on 7 of 10 free-throws in the final minutes as they held on to post a 62-52 victory.

Reymar Rogers scored a season high 18 points to lead Elba, while Brandon Kelley added 16. LaRay Williams 14 and Mason Gulley 10. McLeod led Goshen with 21 points.

Elba (62): Gulley 10, Williams 14, Kelley 16, Abbott 2, Burks 2, Rogers 18. Goshen (52): McCollough 4, Foster 8, McLeod 21, Pelton 3, Cogburn 10, Mahone 4.

### [GIRLS GAME]

The Elba Lady Tigers staged a furious fourth quarter rally to roll past the Goshen Lady Eagles 62-50, last Tuesday night in Elba.

The Lady Tigers scored only two points over the first five minutes of the game and trailed 6-2 midway through the opening stanza, but got a late spark as YoYo Reynolds nailed a pair of three-pointers and Elba ended the quarter on a 12-0 run to open up a 14-6 advantage. Elba's lead grew to 16-6 early in the second quarter on a short jumper by Reynolds and the Lady Tigers led 20-11 with 5:04 left in the half after a basket by Ashleigh Waddail. However, the Lady Tigers failed to score again in the quarter and by the end of the half Goshen had cut the Elba lead to 20-15.

Neither team could find its way to the basket for much of the third quarter as Elba held a 24-20 lead with 3:31 remaining in the stanza, but the Lady Eagles did catch fire late in the quarter and closed with a 5-0 run to grab a 25-24 advantage with only one quarter left on the clock. YoYo Reynolds and LaFondra Thigpen both drilled three-pointers early in the fourth quarter to help the Lady Tigers pull ahead 32-25, and the Elba duo of Reynolds and Thigpen combined for 20 points in the stanza as the Lady Tigers pulled away and claimed the 62-50 win.

YoYo Reynolds scored 21 points and LaFondra Thigpen added 17 to lead Elba, while White scored 16 points for Goshen.

Elba (46): Waddail 8, Thigpen 17, Reynolds 21. Goshen (50): Burden 2, Berry 2, Thomas 6, White 16, Christian 4.

### (JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS)

The Elba Tiger junior varsity pulled ahead early and held on to a 35-21 win over Goshen last Tuesday night in Elba.

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 11-4 lead and carried a 22-13 lead in at the half, then upped their lead to 35-21 in the third quarter before letting the reserves in on the action late as they rolled to the win.

Antwon Tillis scored 17 points and Jimmy Morris added 16 to lead Elba, while Maddox led Goshen with 13 points.

Elba (49): Burks 10, Reynolds 2, Morris 16, Tillis 17, McCormick 4. Goshen (36): Murry 5, Russell 8, Maddox 13, Logan 10.

Elba (56): Carpenter 2, Waddail 10, Thigpen 26, Lawford 4, Reynolds 6, Baxley 3, Tyson 2, Brunson 1, Wood 2.

Kinston (42): Hunko 12, Sanders 13, Patterson 2, Mack 6, Tindell 4, McKinney 2, Chance 3.

Elba 39 ARITON 33

The Elba Lady Tigers jumped out to a big early lead and held off a late rally to down the Arton Lady Purple Cats 39-33, Saturday night in the finals of the tournament.

The Lady Tigers jumped out to an 11-3 lead in the opening stanza, stretched their lead to 24-9 by the end of the half and owned a big 37-19 lead heading into the final quarter. Elba scored only two points in the fourth quarter, but held on to claim the tourney title by posting the 39-33 win.

LaFondra Thigpen scored 13 points and YoYo Reynolds added 11 to lead Elba, while Starria Baxter led Arton with 15 points.

Elba (39): Carpenter 2, Waddail 7, Thigpen 13, Lawford 2, Reynolds 11, Baxley 4. Arton (33): Baxter 15, Hill 2, Daniels 7, Phillips 9.

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Elba's Brandon Kelley hit three three-pointers in the first quarter last week to help the Tigers get out to an early lead in their 62-52 win over Goshen. The Tigers will return to action Tuesday night at home against Pike County.

Goshen (30): Burden 2, Berry 2, Thomas 6, White 16, Christian 4.

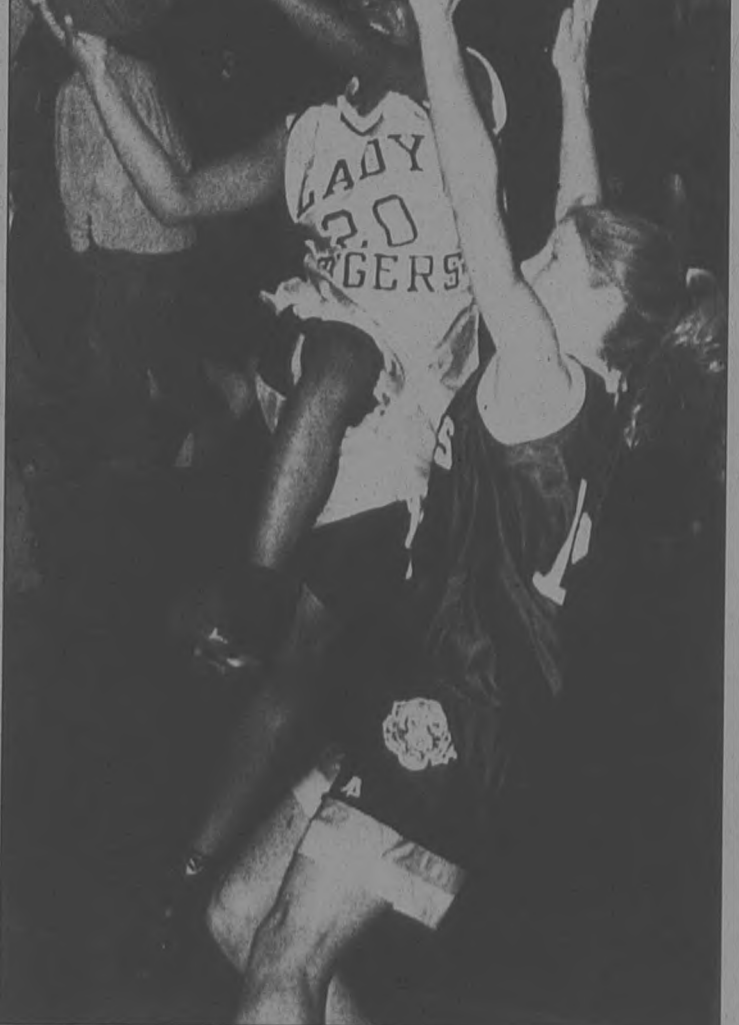
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Elba's LaFondra Thigpen (20) drives in for a basket in early-season action. Thigpen scored 26 points last week in a win over Kinston in the opening round of the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament.

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### In 2004 basketball season

## Elba 8th grade Tigers post perfect 15-0 record

The Elba Tigers closed the season with five big wins to finish open and cruised to the easy 52-21 win. Johnny Stoudemire scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Gavin Respress and Jordan McBride both added 8 points.

Elba (51): Respress 8, Belcher 6, McBride 8, Dorsey 2, Stoudemire 16, Jackson 2, Mitchell 4, Head 2, Hall 2, Tillis 2.

Samson (21): Cade 2, Johnson 2, Seabright 3, Williams 10, Thornton 4.

Elba 47 OPP 18

The Elba Tigers outscored Opp in all four quarters to claim a big 47-18 win over the Bobcats, in Opp. The Tigers jumped out to a quick 15-2 first quarter lead and carried a 23-6 advantage in at the half, then outscored the Bobcats 24-12 over the final two quarters to pull away and post the 47-18 win. Dustin Dorsey scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Gavin Respress and Johnny Stoudemire both added 8 points.

Elba (47): Respress 8, Belcher 2, McBride 6, Dorsey 2, Tillis 4, Mitchell 7, Head 8, Hall 8, Phillips 3.

Fleeta (12): Kyle 6, Kurt 2, Shelby 4.

Elba 61 FLEETA 12

The Elba Tigers closed out the season in grand fashion as they pounded the Fleeta Falcons 61-12 in Elba. The Tigers jumped out to a 20-2 lead in the opening stanza and carried a lopsided 34-4 advantage into the half. Elba continued its onslaught in then third quarter and then outscored the Falcons 13-2 in the final stanza to claim the 61-12 win. Trey Belcher scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Gavin Respress added 10 and Jordan McBride, Andrew Head and Cameron Hall all added 8 points.

Elba (61): Respress 10, Belcher 14, McBride 8, Dorsey 2, Tillis 4, Mitchell 7, Head 8, Hall 8, Phillips 3.

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Elba (45): Silar 1, Reynolds 18, Gray 4, Cole 2, McLaughlin 16, Rodgers 4.

Opp (15): Free 2, Wilson 3, Banks 5, Wilson 2, Jones 3.

Elba 52 FLEETA 19

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and made it look easy as they posted a 52-19 win over the Fleeta Falcons, in Geneva. The Tigers owned a 13-7 lead after one quarter and appeared headed for an easy win, but watched as the Panthers rallied and grabbed a 29-28 lead by the end of the third



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Zion Chapel Junior Beta Club presents Christmas books to younger students

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, the Junior Beta Club of Zion Chapel School presented a Christmas book to each student in kindergarten and first grade.

The members enjoyed seeing the expressions of joy as the children opened the books; then, they read some of the books to the children. The club members had sold cookbooks to raise money to purchase the books.

The project was part of their annual plan to fulfill the club's mission to "benefit the school and promote leadership within the school."

Jr. Beta Club members at Zion Chapel are: Brittany Smythe, Clara Smith, Caitlin Grissett, Lindsey Amlong, Trae Long, Justin Winters, Kati Edwards, Amber Grissett, Janie Hall, Cristin Patterson, Steven Pettry, Gatin Canley, Cory Cate, Cassi Strength, Leana Vinson, Kirsten Collins, Kyle Tankersly,



Jr. Beta Club member Steven Pettry reading to Mrs. Jirright's Kindergarten Class at Zion Chapel School.

Ethan Arnold, Savannah Cole, Carol Ann Banks, and Ashley Quattlebaum. The club sponsor is Dawn Smith.

## Upcoming Club Meetings:

\*\* The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 13th of Jan. 2005 at the Coffee County Farm Center. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077 or Charles Jester at 334-308-2724.

\*\* Republican Women of Coffee County will meet at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle, on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 11:30 AM for their luncheon meeting.

Mo Brooks, candidate for Lt. Governor will be speaking. Also, TLC John Whitfield will be sharing about his tour of duty in Iraq. The public is invited. For reservations call Fay McGary at 393-0471.

## Chattanooga Star Riverboat Extends Stay

The Chattanooga Star, a 65' side-paddle riverboat from Chattanooga, Tenn. has decided to extend its stay in southeast Alabama to provide additional passengers the chance to experience a ride on the Chattahoochee River. Originally, the visit to the area was scheduled to end Dec. 19.

"Due to popular demand, The Chattanooga Star will extend its stay in our area to include the week after Christmas," said William Holman, executive director of Landmark Park. "Over 1,800 passengers have already boarded the boat since it arrived after Thanksgiving."

The new schedule will offer a one-hour ride at 3 pm on Dec. 26, 28, 29, 30, 31 & Jan. 2.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, a special "Lock Cruise" will be offered at 1 pm. This three-hour cruise will take you through the lock at George Andrews dam and past many points of interest along the river.

In addition, the Chattanooga Star will still be available each evening after Christmas for private charter cruises on the river.

Advance general public tickets for all rides are available at Landmark Park. Any remaining openings will be sold at the riverboat prior to each excursion. Tickets may be purchased in person at Landmark Park or by phone by calling the park office at 334-794-3452. All excursions will depart from the boat landing at Onussee Creek Park near Columbia.

Landmark Park is serving as the local coordinating agency for this unique opportunity to "ride the riverboat" and will receive a percentage of ticket sales. To schedule a charter, purchase a ticket, or to receive more information, please call the park office at 334-794-3452.



**VISITING FRIENDS DURING THE HOLIDAYS...** The Troy Gideon family of Elba recently had a special holiday visitor, Stefanie Ackermann (seated, center) of Berlin, Germany has been in Elba the past couple of weeks visiting and catching up with old friends. She resided with the Gideon family during the school year of 2000-01 while participating in the foreign exchange student program. The trip was Ackermann's first return trip to the area, and she was set to return home to Germany this week. Pictured above with Ackermann are members of her former "host" family, as well as, a new addition to the family. They are: Troy and Roberta Gideon, Danielle Gideon, T.J. Gideon and Danielle's daughter, Caitlyn.



Austin Jacobs, Sadie Grantham and Hope Bozeman enjoying their new books.



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# Dear Santa,

JACK AND JILL DAYCARE-ELBA

Hey Santa,  
I want some candy and some toys and some candy and a football. I am trying really hard to be good!  
Love, D.J.

Dear Santa,  
I am really good all the time! I need a baby doll and some bottles to feed her with. I want some cooking stuff and some toys for my puppies. I need some surprises and some candy.  
Love, Landra

Hello Santa,  
Please bring me lots of presents (toys and candy) and some Bob the Builder stuff. And bring some balls and trucks and something for Brother too.  
Love, Creed

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. I need a firetruck and a fireman's helmet. I want some balls (mostly a football) and some surprises.  
Love, Joshua

Dear Santa,  
I have been good no matter WHAT anyone says. I need some toys and trucks and a fire truck. Bring Cole some candy.  
Love, Colby

Dear Santa,  
Don't believe anything they tell you. I HAVE been good. Please bring me some presents. I need a baby doll. You know how well I take care of the one at day care. I also want a LuvCups Panda bear. Thank you.  
Love, Brooke

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. I need some cooking stuff and a baby doll to feed and some more lit-

tle girl stuff. If there's any room left over, you can bring Tyler a few things.  
Love, Lori

Hello Santa,  
I have tried so hard to be a good girl. I want triplets this Christmas. I need another bicycle. I need a four wheeler but please don't tell mom I want a four wheeler because she really don't want me to have one, but please get it for me anyway. I will figure out a way so I can keep it. You just get it for me. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love, Maci

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot and Blue's Clues. I would like a pair of Snowman pajamas. I would like a Deep and Wide CD. Oh Yes! A computer. I need a baby doll that has real hair that you can brush and a doll I can put lipstick on. I will leave you painted cookies. I have been very good this year.  
Katelyn

Dear Santa,  
I would like a trampoline like the one I saw at Fred's. I want a Barbie house and Barbie clothes and 2 Barbies. I want a purple robot. Remember my brother BJ he needs a little something. I also want a desk and a cooking stove. I have been pretty good if only BJ would just not mess with me and get me in trouble.  
Chantlyn

Dear Santa,  
I am trying so hard to be good. I would like a new baby doll, a doll stroller, iron and ironing board. Please make sure my baby has a pacifier. I need lots of dress up clothes and I want my shoes to match my clothes. I love jewelry. Thanks Santa.  
Taylor

Dear Santa,  
I want a real gun to kill monsters. I need Power Rangers Tape and Spiderman 2. I want a Max video game. My mom wants an exercise thing, please see that she gets this. Kiley needs a few things too, and please don't forget Daddy. He wants a new car and that is all he wants.  
Love, Adam

Dear Santa,  
I want a race track, I don't know what else.  
Tristen Tindell

Dear Santa,  
I want a four wheeler and a motorcycle.  
Benjamin Hutchison

Dear Santa,  
I want a big dinosaur, a teddy bear, a big car.  
Hudson Wise

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby that sings, a teddy bear, and some new clothes to wear to church.  
Brooklyn Norris

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby that has shoes, a kitty cat, and that's all.  
Kendall Wilkerson

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle and lots more toys.  
Jalen

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle, a spiderman, and lots of toys.  
Charvez

Dear Santa,  
I want a dragon fire and dice.  
Matthew Morris

Dear Santa,  
I want a teddy bear, a Go-Kart, a green scooter, that's all.  
Aaron Norris

Dear Santa,  
I want a game boy with games, a fish and aquarium.  
Kennedy Cowen

Dear Santa,  
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Kendall Wilkerson

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll, Barney doll and crayons.  
Myia Germany

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll, a stove, a book, and a ball.  
Kate Hudson

Dear Santa,  
I want toys.  
Kymbria Bimbo

Dear Santa,  
I want a Thomas thing that you ride on, a Tonka thing that you play with.  
Benjamin Curtis

Dear Santa,  
I want a hair bow, a pink shirt and some shoes.  
Christen Norris

Dear Santa,  
I want a teddy bear, some binoculars, a fabric house and a Christmas tree with lots of presents.  
Emmalise Houston

Dear Santa,  
I would like a web blaster, a x-box, a new game for my game boy. That's all.  
Tanner Herrington

Dear Santa,  
I want a gun and helmet and a four wheeler where I can go find a deer and shoot it. I want my own computer and desk. I could use new cars and trucks.  
Love, Dalton

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good this year. I would like a BIG GUN so I can shoot a BIG DEER. I need a four wheeler and nothing else.  
Love, Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I want a sword that makes a lot of noise. A bicycle, new ball and bat set. Remember to bring my brothers a few things too. We all have been real good this year.  
Love, Christopher

Dear Santa,  
I want a power ranger for Christmas.  
Eric

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck and a 4-wheeler.  
Jesse

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle, piano and a 4-wheeler.  
Elijah

Dear Santa,  
I want a 4-wheeler, motorcycle, power Ranger, and a spiderman suit.  
Enaquel

Dear Santa,  
I want a power ranger, a spiderman, a motorcycle, and 4-wheeler.  
Terrence

Dear Santa,  
I want a Batman motorcycle and a Spider Man and a Teenage Ninja Turtle and a Power Rangers Dinosaur watch.  
Cedric

Dear Santa,  
I want a X-Box and a Game Cube and Spider Man game and a Spider Man watch and a Spider Man four wheeler and a Spider Man dirt bike and Power Rangers Hulk Watch.  
Tony

Dear Santa,  
I want a Motor Cross that we found at the toy store and a motorcycle that we saw too and a boy jeep. I want a green four wheeler too. Just like PaPa's.  
Jordan

Dear Santa,  
I want a watch and an Elmo and a Barbie doll and a motorcycle.  
Tess

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station and I want Kobe Bryant and the team and I want a motorcycle with spinners and a spinner house.  
Walter

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I would like a toy gun, a chalk board, gloves, a little Christmas tree, and a box and arrows.  
Love, Caleb Walden

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I would like a Barbie doll, teddy bear, clothes, cooking set, trampoline, puppy to play with or a bicycle to ride.  
Love, Payton

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I have been a good boy. I would like a toy gun, a big truck, a big football, and basketball. I like a spongebob game.  
Love, David A. Hudson

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I have been a good girl. I would like a keyboard, fun pillow, hover disk, my store barbie, and air hockey table.  
Love, Alexis Adkins

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Love, Deondra Lockett

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Love, Braxton Robinson

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I have been a good boy. I would like a motorcycle, a golf cart, a rabbit with a cage.  
Love, Erick Davis

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good little boy. I would like to have a Dirt Bike.  
Love, Jovawp Doster

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I would like a Barbie doll, a Barbie doll computer, and a Barbie doll school. And that's it.  
Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Jeep, Barbie Radio, Barbie Boots and a Barbie Computer.  
Kaleyght

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle, a bike, and lots of toys.  
Zerrick

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I want a motorcycle and lots more toys.  
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I want a motorcycle and Power Ranger.  
Derrick

Dear Santa,  
I want a electronic Spiderman Web Blast, Basketball court, computer, and lots more toys.  
Austin L.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Vehicle, Scotter, Barbie Bike, and lots more toys.  
Jessica

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dora bike, trampoline, TV, vacuum cleaner, telephone, and a necklace.  
Dayzohnuh

Dear Santa,  
I want a play station, game boy, and games.  
Xavier

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, walkie talkie, skateboard, surprises, candy.  
Olivia

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll, skates, books, surprises, candy, kitten.  
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I want candy, Barbie doll doctor, surprises, kitten.  
Jordan

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I want a Dora doll, Dora car, kitten, surprises.  
A'Maysia

Dear Santa,  
I want a spongebob toy, Dora explore toy, baby doll, surprises, candy.  
Andrea

Dear Santa,  
I want a telephone, movie of spongebob, surprises.  
Erica

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Johnny

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I want a skateboard, dirt bike, candy, surprises.  
Isaiah Austin

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle, skateboard, four wheeler, football, candy, surprises.  
Laken

Dear Santa,  
I want a Christmas tree, ball, candy, baby doll bed, pillow cover and bottle for the baby doll.  
Tamara

Dear Santa,  
I want boxing gloves, bowling ball, soccer ball, castle, bubbles.  
Jaden

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cadillac with rims, fire truck.  
Isaiah T.

Dear Santa,  
I want a guitar and music.  
April

Dear Santa,  
I want a airplane, police car.  
Adriana

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck and a 4-wheeler.  
Kenshaw

Dear Santa,  
I want a big toy that I always want. I want a bicycle. I want a little other toy.  
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I want a Barbie Fashion Show City. I want a Barbie doll. I want a Polly Pocket toy.  
Destinee

Dear Santa,  
I want a horse and a bunny rabbit.  
Kira

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I would like a Barbie Back Pack, MTV.  
Love, Robin Stinson

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I have been a good boy. I would like a Barbie bicycle, a Barbie doll with lots of cloths for Barbie and me. Please bring my brothers something for Christmas too.  
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## MORE NORTHERY'S ELBA

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
Please bring me a X box and a  
lentic gitar. Merry Christmas.  
Love, J. Cole Spicer

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
Please bring me a play stashes  
2. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Love, Monta King

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
Please bring me a puppy and a  
Big Barbie house and a cpoeder.  
I love Santa's reindeer. I love  
Santa good so good.  
Love, Carly Cardwell

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
Please bring me a X box.  
Playstam 2. Rudolph's cookies  
on the table.  
Love, Keshon Reese

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
For Christmas I would like a  
scooter and ice creamshen and a  
Bike. I hope Rudolph is so good.  
Love, Nijah Wilson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
Please bring me a vebono v.  
Merry Christmas.  
Love, Tydree Sistrunk

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
Please bring me a drum set and a  
Play Stay 2.  
I love Rudolph.  
Birricus Hill

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
Please bring me a television, and a  
presents North Pole. I love your  
jingle bells. Ho-Ho-Ho.  
Love, Tiera Burks

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
Please bring me a X box and a  
fone and a caranda DVD. Ho Ho  
Ho. Merry Christmas to you.  
Love, Azende Thomas

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
Please bring me a TV and a  
compoeter and a scooter and a  
Digy-draw. Merry Christmas  
Santa!  
Love, Cammie McCollough

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
Please bring me a X box. I love  
Santa's reindeer.  
Love, Chace Nelson

## MRS. WISE'S CLASS First Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want puppet, power ranger  
stuff, lazer toy kit and some spi-  
der-man toys.  
I love you, Logan Davis

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
I would like a remote control  
boat and BB gun and a box of  
small sized legos. I hope to see  
you soon. I love you. Thanks  
B.J. Free

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good little  
girl this year. So I want you to  
please bring me a TV and DVD  
player for my room, a fuzzy  
chair for my desk, a playstation  
2. Dr. set, a guitar, purple fur  
rug, a doorbell for my bedroom  
door, a new Barbie doll, and  
some jewelry. There will be  
some cookies and milk under  
the Christmas tree for you.  
Love, Caitlin Bradshaw

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a Teddy bear,  
clothes, shoes for Christmas  
Day.  
Teone

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Bible, and  
clothes and a lot of surprises.  
Love, Audrey

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy. I  
would like a chalkboard, the  
orange feet and furious car, a  
new bicycle and a drawing set.  
I love you.  
Chance Walden

Dear Santa,  
I want a phone, dance maker,  
hasbro real meal oven, bank,  
new 2 1 vacuum, beauty salon,  
yoga diva's fashion table chair,  
Barbie and ottoman, cheerleader  
dress up set.  
Dear Santa,  
I like for you to bring me some  
clothes, shoes, games, Yo-Gi.

Yo, cards, a new bike and a play  
station 2. And I will be the hap-  
piest boy of my life. If you will  
make me happy I'll be a good  
boy. Love you Santa.  
Love, Carosela's Stinson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl all week.  
I need a new Swan Lake com-  
puter game, talking Barbie  
house, puppy, I want clock and  
a pet long time and I want my  
G.G. Thank you.  
I love you Santa.  
Love, Alex

Dear Santa,  
I hope that I can get a remote  
control jeep for Christmas and a  
game boy advance and a game  
to go with it.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a four wheeler,  
motorcycle, dirt bike, go cart,  
skateboard, rastling ring, pool  
table.  
Love, Blake

## MRS. MCCOLLUGH'S CLASS First Grade

Dear Santa,  
You have a soft beard. I have  
been good this year. The thing I  
want most is a X Box with some  
games, a control and some  
candy, and a DVD player, and a  
safe puppy. Have a safe trip.  
Who do you go for Santa Claus?  
Merrey Christmas Santa. I love  
you Santa and Rudolph.  
Love, Avery

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Santa I have been  
good this year. The thing I want  
is a play stashes two. I would  
like shirts and pants. Have a safe  
trip.  
Love, Katie Rogers.

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I have been good. I  
went a motorcycle, and a nekles.  
Love, Tanner Horton

Dear Santa,  
Your tummy is fat. I have been  
good this year. The thing I want  
most is a dog doll. I would like  
a teve and bear too. I wot a ball,  
a sum bub, a jakolater. Have a safe  
trip.  
Love, Victoria

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait for you to come to  
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## MORE MITCHELL-ELBA

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I ben good this yer. I want a dirt  
bike. I be wanting a dirt bike and  
a pet long time and I want my  
own flowters and some seds,  
and I want a bike and some  
money and vidos games for my  
play sashen and for me and my  
mom and my dad and my sister  
have a good Crismas.  
Love, Bradley Weeks

Dear Santa,  
I want some rollerblades, barbie  
doll house, boots, clothes,  
teacher kit, big chalkboard with  
chalk, giant teddy bear, jerve-  
ley, scooter, fourwheeler, baby  
doll, basketball, goal, video  
game set games for it. Packman,  
disco ball, groovy lamp, lava  
lamp, cd's, radio, tv for car,  
horse, hamster, hair stuff, dres-  
sup clothes.  
Love, Victoria Greer

Dear Santa,  
I want a DVD for my Christmas.  
I inde to be good. So please will  
you give me a drumset. I hope  
that I can get a new bike. I want  
a lecher scooter. I love Santa.  
Love, Que'sne Laurence

Dear Santa,  
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Love, Kayla Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, toy race cars,  
games, toy cars, a Spider man  
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Santa suit like yours and a lot of  
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Love, Michael ParrishDear

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like them.  
Love, Kaelyn Fillingim

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this yer. I want  
a selphion. I want a hart shap  
bed, a flower, a per of rollerba-  
bed, I want a Bratz suit, case, and  
Bratz pilow, a Briny Spers cedy,  
raven dvd. I hope you have a  
merry Chrimas.  
Love, Tiffany Richards

Dear Santa,  
I know I've been good. I want  
roller skates, I want a Brat  
named medicine. I want a doll.  
I want a raven CD, a car, a care  
bear, the exercise one, a Big  
Care Bear and most of all I want  
a puppy.  
Love, Jaspin Whitfield

Dear Santa,  
I want a DVD for my Christmas.  
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that I can get a new bike. I want  
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Love, Que'sne Laurence

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Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a lot of toys. I was trying to be a good boy this year. Please bring my sissy some toys too. She has been a good girl. Love you Santa, Cody Price

Dear Santa, This is Nick Kungler. I just want to tell you that I love you very much. I would like you to bring me some gifts for Christmas because I have been a good boy all year. I would really like to have my photo taken with you before Christmas day gets here. Here is a little list of some things I would like if you can, a toy boat, some fishing lures, new shoes, and new clothes. That is all I would like you to bring me, and I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love, Nick Nick

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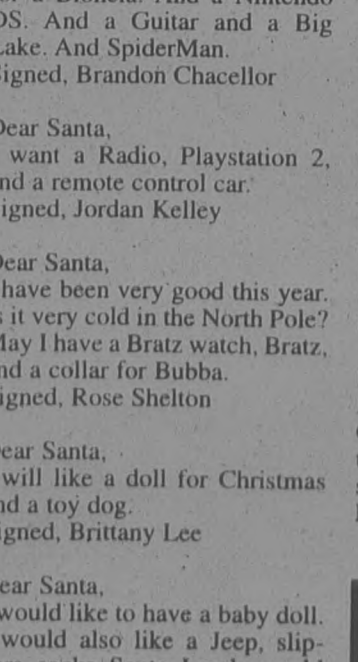
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Dear Santa, I want a cop set, Raffel Nija turtle, toy rifle, skull earning, new movies, video game, Yuglo cards. Signed, Kendal

Dear Santa, I want a video now and sunglasses you know the colorful ones and a Barbie and I want a toy motorcycle and a butterfly purse like my mommies and a dvd player. Signed, Raven Didorek

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Hope you are well. I would like Barbie, make up, and a horse. I would also like a picture of you. Signed, Lakin Morris

Dear Santa, Please bring me a four wheeler and a monster truck set with a mountain. Signed, Blaine

Dear Santa, I wish for a good boy this year. Gameboy sp, dromifor, yog ya cas, Pogman cas. Thank you, Justin

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl. (Sometimes) I would like a Straw berry shorcake doll, a video now color, games and lots of surprises. I love you. Love, Abby

Dear Santa, I wish for a Care Bear one of the care cousins. I wish you a merry Christmas. Love, Ceria

## First Grade Jill Henderson's Class

Dear Santa, I wish for a bed set. I wish for a game. I wish for a baby doll. I wish for a makeup. I wish for a bracelet. Signed, Rayanne Boop

Dear Santa, I would like a radiow, doll, ball, and a hat that say's Loved Santa. I will give you milk and cookies. I think I will cook them. Thank you Santa for all the gift's you gave me. Love, Katie Clarke

Dear Santa, My mom nde a berd house, stish Santa, don't tel her you well spote it she will nev'mo it. She's just a little kid you slave is red. I asket you are the best. So you gite any plans. Ho Ho Ho Ho! Signed, Jordan Gatlin

Dear Santa, I want a spider man car. I want big bat man mostr truck. I want a smol bat man car. I want a spider man truck. I want a truck with a rnote control. Signed, Alex Cotton

Dear Santa, I have been preety good. I want a have a Nintendo game cube. A X-box. A play station 2. A book. One more thing 2 more gamecube games. Signed, Adrianna Whittaker

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I wish for a Nintendo. And a Nintendo DS. And a Guitar and a Big Lake. And SpiderMan. Signed, Brandon Chacellor

Dear Santa, I want a Radio, Playstation 2, and a remote control car. Signed, Jordan Kelley

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. Is it very cold in the North Pole? May I have a Bratz watch, Bratz, and a collar for Bubba. Signed, Rose Shelton

Dear Santa, I want some xbox games and CD's also I want 2 more things they are cloths and school supplies. Thank you Santa. Love, Whit

Dear Santa, I would like to have a baby doll. I would also like a Jeep, slippers, socks. Santa, I really would like a teddy bear. Signed, Aubrey Hutchison

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. Please bring me a motorcyle. Thank you. Signed, Wesley Blanton

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old! I have been a good boy sorta. I would like a 4-wheeler, a skateboard, also a new bike. Please remember my sister, my dad, and my mom. I love you Santa. Signed, Kenny Jones

Dear Santa, I have been good all year. I want everything. My sister has been good too! P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Signed, Casey Adkins

## Second Grade Miss Nollin's Class

Dear Santa, I want to know how all the rain Deers are. How is Mrs. Clows doing. I want a Barbie tint and sharler and my size barbie doll and a new bed to go in my room. And a sleeping bag and a new puppy. I love you! Love, Shelby Senn

Dear Santa, Thank you for the ge i gow you gave me last year. I want the new spyrow video game. And its could spyrow a herow's tail. And I want the other spyrow video games. I even want Hotweles Games. Joshua Barbaccia

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hope you are done fin. I want a gamdoy SP. I want a morskai. I want a noidisell. I want a sot gon. I want a cat. I want a rod off. I want to be the President. I want a pla. I want a k patr. I want a x-posos. I want a pond. I want a snak. I want a for-well. Love, Jonathan Carlock

Dear Santa, How is Miss Clas, is she ok? How is routof the red nose rander. Is the other randeres id to. I love you Miss and Mr. Clas. Oh how is the elfs are they ok. Christmas is the best year. I love the red and green. I love you Santa. I want for Christmas I Game Boy and a Barebey doll and a Polley Pockit for Christmas and roller blades and a video now color, games and lots of surprises. I love you. Love, Callen Merino

Dear Santa, The toys last year they were cool. I would want a football. Please give me gameboy. I want some hot weels. I want a new bike. Love, Aaron Simon

Dear Santa, I live you. I wot to gev my mam a good gift. I want a monchom- cer. And I wot a Homer. And I wot a pork Bit. And I wot a fot-boll. I wot an peer of shos. Love, Cory

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Dear Santa, I'd like a lot of things but I'd like to tell you what I'd. I will rely like a new cd player. I will rely like a new gameboy Advance SP. I will rely like a new barby and bary doll house. I will rely like a new puppy. I will rely like a new collection of books. I'd like a new calstehon of pencils. I will rely like a new calstehon of erasers. I will rely like a new calstehon of crans. I will rely like a new purse. I will rely like some new hair etscrys. I will rely like a new bike. I will rely like a new kitten. I will rely like a new noat book. I will rely like a new recording pen. Love, Ontario Alexis Green

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Dear Santa, Thank you for roundballs and thank you for prans. Dear Santa I want you to bring me some prans. I want you to bring me a bike. I want a baby doll. Love, Santa, Samantha Ann Morris

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Dear Santa, I hope you had a merry Christmas. I like the toys you gave me. This year I want a gameboy. Love Raheem Newson

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## MORE NOLIN'S-NEW BROCKTON

Dear Santa, I loved the presents I got last year. What I want this year is a purple car bear shoes, 14 karat gold earrings. Tell rudolf I said hay and tell Mrs. Claus I said hay. See you next time. Love, Brittney Lee

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the goodies you gave me last year. Love Santa. This year I want a game? And I want a gameboy. Love, Gaije Horstead

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Dear Santa, Thank you for all of the toys you gave me last year. Can I have a x-box for Christmas. I want a computer. I want a telephone. I want a gameboy. I want a bike. I want 2 moves. By: Braxton Johnson

Dear Santa, I like the toys from last year. But I really want a game for my x-box. Thanks for the toys. Love, Chase Henrey

Dear Santa, I like the goodies you gave me last year. Hi rudolf. How is Miss Santa, Canty? I wate a chaly pache. I wate a chaly chare. I wate a toy cat. I wate a stae of make up. Love Hope, Algers

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Dear Santa, Pleas bring me a rubberband gun, water blast rocket, and a air plain. Love, Thomas

Dear Santa, How is Rodaf? Is he being good? I would like a motor scooter, games, toys, cloths, book, gameboy SP. I would apesheate to bring my sister something to. Just barby doll's, cos set, you know a little jeep to ride in. That's why I like Christmas. By Santa and Happy New Years. Love Kendal

Dear Santa, How is rodof? I like a bike. I would like a nutcrasher, I would like a heman toy. I would like a 3 1/2 inch man. Love, Caleb Davis

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How are you at the North Pole? Is it very cold there? This year I want a PS2 and a game cube. I also want a max atee! Oh yeah and I want a new soccer ball. And a big trampaleen. And I want a good table.  
Your friend, Tucker Hoyle

Dear Santa,  
I am going to sleep when you come in. You can go to the table and get your food, warm milk and chocolate chip cookies. When you're done can you please put me and my brothers presents under the Christmas tree? So this we could all be happy for what joy you've bring to us. In my presents, I want a spider-man and anything that will make me and my brother so special to each other and I want you to give my parents a lot of gifts too and we thank you.  
Your friend, Jaelyn Newson

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### MRS. SHIRLEY BROOKS KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby doll swing a barbie computer and a new battery for my barbie, 4 wheeler. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Hayley

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Santa please give me presents. I want a Polly set. I want a princess baby doll.  
Love, Kirsten

Dear Santa,  
I want camouflage overalls cfs, bicycle, doll clothes and surprises.  
Love, Gracen Bright

Dear Santa,  
I want a makeup set, a balance beam, a rocking horse, new pencils, a Rudolf reindeer stool, new fashion clothes.  
Love, Laura Allen

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I would like to have a bicycle. I want a barbie game. I have been good this year. Thank you.  
Love, Cheyenne Flowers

Dear Santa,  
If I do not get a tv then I get my wish list!  
Love, Joshua

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a Auburn costume, Tennessee hat, Bama truck, and a Bama costume #4. I want an AU hat.  
Love, Blake Cobb

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like a doctor set, a Gameboy, a neck lace and alot of surprises.  
Love, Kinley Parker

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Pocket rocket baby dolls, and a bicycle with no training wheels. You better be getting up some money!  
Love, Emily Patrick Sanders

Dear Santa,  
I really want a four wheeler for Christmas wnad a Spider man suit that shoots real webs so I can stick to walls.  
Love, Court C

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Could you bring me a Princess and the Pauper? I also want some surprises.  
Love, Taylor Morgan

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new set of Markers and crayons. And a Spiderman alarm clock.  
Love, Brian Smith

### MRS. B. SMITH KINDERGARTEN Zion Chapel

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, a ken doll. I also want for my dolls.  
Love, Darane

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I would like to have a bicycle. I want a barbie game. I have been good this year. Thank you.  
Love, Cheyenne Flowers

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, a ken doll. I also want for my dolls.  
Love, Darane

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good smart girl. Please bring me Barbie tennis shoes, cheerleader outfit, and surprises.  
Love, Emily Maddox

Dear Santa,  
I want remote control firetruck, Gameboy with a SpongeBob game.  
Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like a pinball, drum set, guitar, violin, trumpet.  
Love, Arielle Lowry

Dear Santa,  
I would like lots Barbies, her house and her clothes.  
Love, Kacee Snow

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Jeep power wheel and a scooby-doo fishing pole.  
Love, Kenny

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a purple and white blanket that comes with a stuffed poodle.  
Love, Michaela

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Please bring me a doll house, a barbie, hair bows, pink mittens, chat, bogan, and scarf, and shoes, and clothes.  
Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a 3-wheeler with remote shoes, boots, cards go-fish, Scooby-Doo movies, and a Santa Claus movie.  
Love, Junior

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Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a 3-wheeler with remote shoes, boots, cards go-fish, Scooby-Doo movies, and a Santa Claus movie.  
Love, Junior

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy horse, toy elephant, toy tiger, toy giraffe, a real house, picture frames, glasses, movie, of Old McDonald, video game, and pretend bird. We will leave cookies for you.  
Love, Kayley

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I want a DVD player, a X-box, a lamp, transformers, and a scooter.  
Love, Kody Bliez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me shoes, a neck-lace, a cowboy hat, ering and a book bag. Merry Christmas to everyone.  
Love, Summer

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want a big truck, tractor and trailer, and some hunting clothes.  
Love, Triston

Dear Santa,  
I want a gameboy advas and a barbie spi game and carjamol cabai pach kid. Will you bring me this toy?  
Love, Hannah Whitman

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas. Please bring me a drum set, a babydoll, a Strawberry Shortcake house and surprises.  
Love, Angel

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy wagon a Power Ranger Megazord, a clock, an octopus toy, and an umbrella.  
Love, Justin

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Bike, remote control car, spiderman toothbrush, and a toy spiderman.  
Love, Dalton

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, horsey, clothes, boots, books, and alot of love.  
Love, Chassidy

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a babydoll stroller, a baby doll, a Golf cart, clothes, a Big fuzzy princess pillow, and a robe. I love all my family and I love Santa.  
Love, Alexus

Dear Santa,  
I want a go-cart, computer, a dinosaur, real Rudolf, toy space-ship. Hope to see you Christmas.  
Love, Brad

Dear Santa,  
I would like a game, race cars, and a TV.  
Love, Michael

Dear Santa,  
I would like some new clothes and a few toys for me and my Brother Austin. You pick the rest.  
Love, Savannah Johns

Dear Santa,  
I love you so much more than shoes, you think will you please make me get more presents.  
Love, Jasmine

Dear Santa,  
I love you I have been a good girl. I would like a doll, orange-car, Barbie doll, dress-up clothes, pink gun, chocolate, and vacuum cleaner. I will leave cookies and milk for you.  
Love, Caroline Brown

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie car, a Barbie doll, and a trampoline.  
Love, Elizabeth

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a pool and a gliter set, a tent that looks like a house and a pony and a kitchen set and a trampoline and a mug and a easy bake oven.  
Love, Elizabeth

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Dear Santa,  
I have bin good this year for Christmas. I want a bike, Braddell, one stuffed animal, lunchbag, boots and dress.  
Love, Kelsey Yaden

Dear Santa,  
I want a pool. I want a Skate Board and lots of surprise, a makeup set, Jewely to and a foot ball.  
Love, Chelsea Allen

Dear Santa,  
All I want is a CD player and a baby doll set and a lot of toys and we are going to leave you some cookies and milk and leave the reindeers something. I love you.  
Love, Carson

### MRS. ARNETT FIRST GRADE Zion Chapel

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike or a 4wiler. I want a gamecub. I want a monster truck. I want a rascar.  
Love, Blake Cardwell

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a bike and a pool.  
Love, Ally Henry

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a go-kart.  
Love, Taylor Strops

Dear Santa,  
I want a nintendo 64, clothes, and a gameboy.  
Love, Brian Hardin

Dear Santa,  
I want some lipstick, make-up, a purse, a t-v, and tapes to watch. I also want some toys and a swing set, boots, a kite, a sand box, and lots of money and some jewelry.  
Love, Kelsey Shackelford

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a princess movie. I would like a Bratz lap top. I would like a barbie fashion show. Computer game.  
Love, Claire Powell

Dear Santa,  
I have been good boy this year. I would like a for wheeler and a metel back hoe and a red belt and a electric for wheeler.  
Love, Timothy Hill

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a couple of Gameboy games, a 50 piess puzzle, a snow tubogon. For Mar he want a scooder. For Emily she want a couple of baby-bys. And pless bring exter toys. Love, Web, Matt and Emily Richburg

Dear Santa,  
I would like a barbie house. I would like a purse. I like to have a microphone. I like to have a barbies. I like to have a cat watch. I like to have a playday. I like to have a jakitte. I like to have a play ground.  
Love, Charity Faith Parrish

Dear Santa,  
I have been a nice little girl this year. All I want for Christmas is a Bratz doll, four wheeler, Barbie doll, Barbie doll house, clothes, shoes, movies, Santa if you think I been good this year. I would like to have a motorcycle.  
Love, Charity Faith Parrish

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline. I want a big pool. I want a puppy. I want a playstation 2. I want a v-tech.  
Love, Katherine Grace Kirkland

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me some viedo games, Tak 2 and mpkins 2. Also, a gumball machine and a remote control Donkey Kong kart, and same surprises. I will leave you the reindeer a snack.  
Love, Christopher Seun

Dear Santa,  
I love you an Mrs. Claus. I like December because it is all about Gods Krist. Dear Santa is Mrs. Claus okay and are the elfs.  
Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is one of the motorcycles on tv.  
Love, Nicholas

Dear Santa,  
I want a new book bag and a baby doll from you. I want a tv. I want a stuff animal. I want dolphin clock. I want my little pony. I want a puppy. I want a sweater.  
Love, Kyna

Dear Santa,  
I want a guitar, a babydoll, with a car seat and lots of surprises. Tell Rudolph hi. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
Love, Brooke

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, horsey, clothes, boots, books, and alot of love.  
Love, Chassidy

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Dear Santa,  
I would like to have an X box. Some games for my games boy would be great. I have bee good all year.  
Love, Cade Mobley

Dear Santa,  
I hope I have been good this year? I want a cd player. I want a bratz poster and sweet potato pie.  
Love Hope, Bozeman

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie car, a barbie doll and a trampoline.  
Love, Nikki Price

Dear Santa,  
I want a terroine twister. A guitar, a ponystick. Lots of surprises.  
Love, Adam Blocker

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Elmo doll, book for my leap pad, some clothes and boots.  
Love, Kates

Dear Santa,  
I want a care bar radio. Easy puzzle of Barbie.  
Love, Chasity Whittington

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Barbie cd player. I also want a Barbie doll.  
Love, Kayla Dean Campbell

Dear Santa,  
I was wondering if I could have a hair beads, surprises, clothes, and shoes. Some times I just don't get what I won't.  
Love, Faith

Dear Santa,  
I want some books. I also want some movies. I want mu top hol in my cars pearced. I want some shoes, clothes, babydoll. I also want a hamster. I want some notebooks. I want a leap pad Learning Center.  
Love, Alexus

Dear Santa,  
I want a skateboard. I want a purse and a sweater for Christmas. I want a barbie doll for Christmas. I want a make up set for Christmas.  
Love, Christy

Dear Santa,  
May I have a jet plane, a BIG airplane and a computer. And I have been a good boy.  
By: Zachariah Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a skateboard for Christmas. I want some flip flops for Christmas. For Christmas to quit bugging me. For Christmas I want so clothes.  
Love, Savannah

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year! I want 2 pairs of boots. I want 2 game boys. I want a Mary-Kate and Ashley shirt and Blue jean. I want Angel ring for my mom.  
Love, Hailey Finger

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a new bow and arrow, a remote control hummer and a trampoline to jump on, and lot and lot of gifts.  
Love, Jordan Turner

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a pool for summer. I want a computer. I want a poster of a cat in a basket. I want a pink carebear pillow.  
Love, Billie Copeland

Dear Santa,  
I have bee good this year. I want a red neck women CD, and a real phone and a laptop.  
Love, Katrina Qualls

### MR. HERRINGTON SECOND GRADE Zion Chapel

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a vech venile. I'd like a Tenge Minn Nija turls play set. I'd like a toy talkin boling ball set. I'd like a Leap Pad Learning Center.  
Love, Stephanie

Dear Santa,  
I want a go-cart and a forewiler for Christmas. Santa I will give you cookies and milk. But hurry that way the milke want want want. My name is Travis K Cooper.  
Love, Travis

Dear Santa,  
I want a Duster for Christmas. I want a Duster bcowes I need it. I want a cowboys hat I hope you bring it to me.  
Love, Bryan

Dear Santa,  
I have been good and I will leave you some cookie and milk. I want a big chalk bold, cell phone, room suit, teacher suite.  
Love, Katelyn Wambles

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a pet owl. And a fourwire. And a pate set. And a horse. I love you.  
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Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a drum set. I also want a 4 in one game from Dollar Genarold. I got one more thing that I want for Christmas and it is a spider man bed sheet.  
Love, Zachary

Dear Santa,  
I want a for wheeler Christmas and a toy car and a cat and a dog.  
Love Tyler Rhoden

Dear Santa,  
I want a playstahon and a cam-floj Guncas for my gun then I want a motanal truck.  
Love, Malison

Dear Santa,  
I want a for wheeler and a toy car.  
Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas is a good Christmas.  
Love, Tyler G.

Dear Santa,  
I what a Barbei doll. Will you pleasea bring me a bag, and will you pleasea make me sister queit bugging me.  
Love, Tiffany

Dear Santa,  
I want a DVD for Christmas. So I can watch DVD in my room. And I want a VCR in my room. And I want a byceicel for Christmas.  
Love, Chelsey

Dear Santa,  
May I please have Garfield the move. And a art set. And barbe fashion fever doll. And a mooring. And a water bad. And a rill frog. And a baby turtle. And a fish like Nemo. And a playstain II.  
Love, Teaghan Sharpe

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas. May I please have a go-cart and a new house, and a computer, candy machine and a cotton candy machine, too. You can have cookies and milk. Thank you Santa Claus.  
Love, Ashley Hodges

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# We Wish You A Merry Christmas ... And A Happy New Year!



Happy Holidays from our entire Elba bank staff!



Happy Holidays from our New Brockton bank staff!

Wishing all of our neighbors a string of glad tidings this holiday season and beyond. For your patronage, please accept our deepest gratitude.

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## Commission holds final meeting of 2004

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission voted Monday morning, Dec. 27, to extend a helping hand to the Coffee County Water Authority as it faces a dilemma.

Austin Mixon addressed commissioners on behalf of the Coffee County Water Authority. He said the water system has been in operation for about 12 months, and it has a payment coming up.

Mixon said not enough water is being used as this time to allow the authority to make the upcoming payment, and regulations with the revenue bond will not allow the organization to take out a loan. Therefore, he asked for the county's help in making the upcoming payment in the amount of \$88,893.97.

Commission chairman Doug Dalrymple said he wants to see the water system work and be successful and he feels sure it will be as the system continues to grow and expand.

Mixon said Phase II of the

water system project should be up and going within the next year.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook made a motion with a second from Commissioner Robert Stephens that the county appropriate the money to the Coffee County Water Authority with the agreement the authority repay the money at no interest as it has the income.

Commissioners approved this motion by a 5-0 vote. Commissioners Bernest Brooks and J. L. Weeks were unable to attend the meeting.

Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell also addressed commissioners during the Monday morning meeting. He said his purpose for attending the meeting was to ask for the commission's consideration in passing and signing a resolution allowing Enterprise Water Works to purchase the Macedonia and Bridlewood Water Works Systems.

Boswell said Enterprise has been servicing both systems for quite some time, and this purchase would be beneficial to

everyone involved.

Commissioner Robert Stephens offered the motion with a second from Commissioner Tom Grimley to pass the resolution presented by Boswell. Commissioners gave the nod with a unanimous vote.

County engineer Randy Tindell had several requests for commissioners to consider.

He asked commissioners to approve a resolution authorizing him to start paperwork on road projects for County roads 401, 531, 708, 208 and 156.

He asked for a resolution authorizing the chairman to enter into agreement with the Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of county roads 665 and 408.

He asked for a resolution authorizing the resurfacing of County Rd. 147 with county funds.

He asked for a resolution authorizing the initialization of the project for resurfacing and turning lanes on County Road 404 utilizing the Industrial

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**ACCIDENT DELAYS TRAFFIC**—Emergency personnel responded to the scene of a two vehicle accident last Thursday evening, Dec. 23, on U.S. Highway 84 East near the intersection of Stroud Avenue in Elba. According to reports, a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe, driven by Eleanor Tyler Dean of Opp, Ala., struck a 1989 Ford Ranger, driven by Willie Clearance Flowers of Elba. Both vehicles were traveling eastbound when the accident occurred; however, Flowers was attempting to make a left hand turn into a private driveway when the accident occurred. Dean tried to pass and struck Flowers vehicle twice. Witnesses said the Ford Ranger flipped three times before finally resting upside down. Traffic along Hwy. 84 was delayed for quite some time as officers and other emergency personnel worked to secure the scene. Flowers and a passenger in his vehicle, Jerome Silar, were both transported to Enterprise Medical Center by Coffee County EMS. Also responding to the scene was the Elba Fire Department. The accident was investigated by Elba Police Officer Keith Wise. He was assisted by officers Tim Jeter and Heath Truman.

## A quick look back at the year that has been 2004

### JANUARY

January 1 - A brief look back at the year that was 2003.

January 8 - Arctic air visits Southeast Alabama and residents urged to protect the four p.s. (picture) Construction crews pave the section of the Troy Highway that had been closed for levee rehabilitation work. Elba High School student Meredith English named 2003-04 DAR Good Citizen (picture) Kelley Foods of Alabama makes monetary donations to several city departments.

January 15 - Elba's levee rehabilitation project expected to be complete in April. Five people arrested at Kinston apartment complex on drug charges; Coffee County Commission looks at refinancing its bond issue; Coffee County BOE recognizes four students for participating in Duke University Talent Identification program; Elba City Schools BOE members accept resignation of head football coach and athletic director Mike Waters.

January 22 - Levee rehabilitation project rekindles lots of memories for some local residents (picture) Many Elba residents gather for a "walk of remembrance" in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; New Brockton Town Council members filled with questions regarding walking trails; Elba school finances show steady improvements.

January 29 - Rotarians receive update on Toledo Molding and Die plant being constructed; Elba Schools superintendent Danny Weeks says schools' financial condition is the best it has been in years, and he contributes that to an entire community effort; Coffee County Commission approves the sale of the Mount Pleasant/Battens Water Authority to the City of Enterprise Water System; New voting lines bring changes for some voters; (picture) Coffee County Firefighters Association sponsors Firefighter I Volunteer Certification Course hosted by the Elba Fire Department.

February 5 - Coffee County Water Authority plans third sign-up meeting for Phase II of system expansion project; (picture) Bill and Sharon Caylor of Coffee County were chosen as the Alabama Outstanding Young Farm Family preliminary competition; Jacob Britt Anderson

of Kinston was killed after an embankment of dirt collapsed on him while working in Greenville, Ala.; Dorsey Trailers reports excellent month of sales; Weather postpones lane closure of Hwy. 84 bridge in Elba for levee rehab project.

February 12 - Alma Haynes, a grandparent and concerned citizen, addresses the Coffee County BOE regarding racism within the system; (picture) Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting ceremony for Jerry's; Coffee County Commission hears news of senior assistance prescription drug program; Application for special retail liquor license for Olde South Inn withdrawn during Elba City Council meeting; Gayle F. Oberst Trailhead dedicated in Panama City Beach; Elba citizens encouraged to attend Town Hall meeting regarding downtown revitalization.

February 19 - Coffee County Commission hears ElderCare Initiative proposal; Coffee County resident Eddie Arnold uses his chainsaw to create Indian figures from tree logs; (picture) Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting ceremony for Kwik Unleashed; New Brockton Town Council gives nod for preliminary planning of firing range.

February 26 - Coffee County receives national award for elderly services; March 1 marks the 25th anniversary of Sheriff C.F. "Neil" Grantham's death; Elba City Council awards bid for sewer line extension to Kelley Foods; Citizens show support for downtown revitalization during town hall meeting; (picture) Black History Month celebrated during special program at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church; Coffee County Commission tables discussion on ElderCare Initiative.

MARCH

March 4 - Early morning ceremony at old Coffee County Jail site in Elba celebrates life of late Sheriff C.F. "Neil" Grantham; "New" Coffee County EMS searches for solid ground as a non-profit organization; (picture) Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting ceremony for Smith Auto Sales.

March 11 - Elba native Troy King named Alabama's Attorney General; (picture) Local citizens support the Elba Lions Club by attending the annual pancake breakfast;

During Coffee County Commission meeting residents of County Road 517 express concern regarding danger of the unpaved road; Judge Steve Blair announces reelection bid for Circuit Judge in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit; (picture) Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting ceremony for Tangles and Threads.

March 18 - Charles Webb honored at Elba City Council meeting for his loyal dedication to the people of Coffee County; Elba Police Department kicks off Project ChildSafe; New Brockton Town Council implements street sign replacement project; Linda Westbrook announces candidacy for reelection as Coffee County Commissioner; District One; Coffee County Schools superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram asks for proposed list for field trips.

March 25 - Natural causes determined in death of Charlie Jeff Johnson; Town of New Brockton dedicates peanut butter monument; Coffee County Commission again faces questions regarding the paving of County Road 517; Robert Stephens announces candidacy for reelection to Coffee County Commission District Three seat; Coffee County engineer Randy Tindell named Engineer of the Year by the Engineer's Association; Joe Green announces candidacy for Coffee County Commission District Two seat; (picture) Elba Mayor James Grimes accepts a \$50,000 grant check from Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture Glenn Zorn for the \$2.5 million dollar Animal Diagnostic Lab being constructed in Elba.

APRIL

April 1 - Elba City Council approves new policies and procedures for the Elba Volunteer Fire Department; The Ranch House Cafeteria enters 26th year of business; Jessie M. Lewis announces candidacy for District Two seat of Coffee County Commission; Judge John Dowling announces candidacy for District Judge of Coffee County; (picture) Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting ceremony for Subway/Pizza Pro of Elba.

April 8 - Representative Terry Spicer honored as the Outstanding Benefactor for the county in Iraq; Paul Sherling announces candidacy for District Judge of Coffee County; Mike Bragg resigns as principal of Goshen Elementary School; Judge Robert Bar seeks reelection as Circuit Judge, Place Number 2; Larry Fuller announces candidacy for District One seat of Coffee County Commission; Shannon Clark announces candidacy for District Judge of Coffee County; Jeff Kelley announces candidacy for Circuit Judge, Place 3; Rick Hollingsworth, Jr. announces candidacy for District Judge of Coffee County.

April 15 - Former Elba police officer Brandon Lassiter killed in the line of duty while serving as a deputy with the Covington County Sheriff's Department; (picture) Elba City Schools superintendent Danny Weeks supports the Elba band program by "doing time" in the Jail for Band during Band Day 2004; (picture) Elba native Spec. Maria Smith returned home to Fort Benning, Ga. after serving a year in Iraq with the 85th Airborne Division; Elba Water and Electric Board changes policies and rates; Paving saga of County Rd. 517 ends after Coffee County Commission

agrees to pay two residents for land to be used as right-of-way; J.L. Weeks announces candidacy for District Two seat of Coffee County Commission; (picture) Max Bozeman of Elba became president of the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association at its 40th annual meeting.

April 22 - Elba City Council grants tax exemptions to Bridgeville Trailers; New Brockton Elementary School welcomes teacher Linda Lawrence home after serving the country in Iraq; Paul Sherling announces candidacy for District Judge of Coffee County; Elba Mayor James Grimes announces intent to seek reelection for third term; (picture) Elba City street department workers make improvements to existing city sidewalks.

April 29 - 60-hour closing planned for Pea River bridge at Highway 84 due to levee rehab work; (picture) A mobile home located near Friendship Grocery was totally engulfed in flames; Firemen from Union Grove and the Elba Fire Department could reach the scene; In regards to Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center, Coffee County Commission denies 18-day extension for contractor; Judge Rowe Thompson announces candidacy for District Judge of Coffee County; (picture) A group from the Elba Work Release center spent a recent Saturday morning picking up trash and debris in the Mulberry Heights area.

MAY

May 6 - Grand opening held for Elba's Toledo Molding and Die plant; Kiwanis Club of Elba receives and accepts charter; Alabama author Carol Padgett set to visit Elba Public Library.

May 13 - Coffee County DHR among state's best; (picture) Construction of a massive flood gate at the Hwy 84 bridge in Elba caused traffic to be detoured while the bridge was closed; New Brockton receives Silver Safety Award from the League of Municipalities; Coffee County Commissioners decide to negotiate liquidated damages before approving final payment to the contractor for the senior citizen center projects at Ino and Mount Pleasant.

May 20 - Coffee County raises more than \$200,000 at annual Relay for Life; Elba Adult Daycare offers a variety of services; Elba-based company

Mobile Attic, Inc. receives national attention during feature in a profile series on the news network CNN.

May 27 - Elba City Schools removed from unitary status lawsuit; (picture) U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions tours the Elba levee from one end to the other. Difference of opinion evident among Coffee County Commissioners in regards to senior center issues; (picture) U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions addressed the Elba Rotary Club members; Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth warns citizens about illegal use of 4 wheelers on the roadways; Coffee County receives \$75,000 Homeland Security grant.

JUNE

June 3 - Coffee County voters cast ballots in Democratic and Republican primaries; Alberta Martin, last of her 14 children, and longtime Elba native, dies at age 97; Elba City School board names Scott Rials as new football coach; Joe Cassidy Jr. enters county's District Judge race as an independent candidate.

June 10 - Coffee County Commission finally settles Mount Pleasant/Ino Senior Center issues; (picture) The rain gauge/flood warning system atop the rehabilitated levee at the U.S. Hwy 84 bridge get a facelift and new equipment; Elba Police cracking down on illegal use of ATVs; (picture) The Southeast Alabama Gas District awards an Economic Development Enhancement grant to the City of Elba in the amount of \$8,500.

June 17 - Funeral services for Alberta Stewart Martin draw national attention; Coffee County receives second highest grade in the State of Alabama from the 2004 inspection of county paved roads; (picture) Williams Signs of Elba decals a bus to be used during John Kerry's campaign for president.

June 24 - Congressman Terry Everett announces federal approval of loan and grant for Coffee County Water Authority; (picture) Emergency personnel respond to the scene of a one vehicle accident on Hwy. 84 at the Coffee County Stockyard; Stan Windham leads Coffee County Extension office as the new coordinator; Dorsey Trailer Company cited for violations of air pollution control regulations

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Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electricity, water, sewer or street. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule will be unchanged.

THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON OFFICES will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting on the 13th of Jan. 2005 at the Coffee County Farm Center. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077 or Charles Foster at 334-308-2724.